

IV. IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently Amended) A fishing lure apparatus, comprising:

a simulated turtle body which includes a simulated turtle bottom portion and a simulated turtle shell portion supported by said simulated turtle bottom portion,

simulated turtle legs connected to said simulated turtle body,

a simulated turtle tail connected to said simulated turtle body,

a simulated turtle head connected to said simulated turtle body, and

one or more fish hooks connected to either said simulated turtle body, said simulated turtle legs, or said simulated turtle tail,

wherein each of said simulated turtle legs includes:

a leg hook, and

a simulated turtle leg covering attached to said leg hook.

2. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

one or more hook-reception eyes connected to said simulated turtle body for receiving said respective fish hook.

3. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

a spoon portion connected to said simulated turtle body.

4. Canceled.

5. (Presently Amended) A fishing lure apparatus, comprising:

a simulated turtle body which includes a simulated turtle bottom portion and a simulated turtle shell portion supported by said simulated turtle bottom portion,

simulated turtle legs connected to said simulated turtle body,

a simulated turtle tail connected to said simulated turtle body,

a simulated turtle head connected to said simulated turtle body, and

one or more fish hooks connected to either said simulated turtle body, said simulated turtle legs, or said simulated turtle tail,

~~The apparatus of claim 1~~ wherein said simulated turtle tail includes:

a tail hook, and

a simulated turtle tail covering attached to said tail hook.

6. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5 wherein said tail hook includes:

a first shank portion,
a second shank portion in contact with said first shank portion, and
shank-to-shank connecting loop connected between said first shank portion and said second shank portion.

7. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

a spinner supported by said tail hook.

8. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5 wherein said simulated turtle body includes a scent-emission chamber which is located between said simulated turtle shell portion and said simulated turtle bottom portion.

9. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

a chamber cover connected to said simulated turtle shell portion and covering said scent-emission chamber.

10. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

a cover hinge connected between said chamber cover and said simulated turtle shell portion.

11. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5, further including:

a cover lock connected to said chamber cover for locking said chamber cover to said simulated turtle shell portion.

12. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5 wherein said simulated turtle legs include flexible leg members.

13. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claims 1 or 5 wherein said one or more fish hooks includes a head-to-body hook.

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